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TAGS: ELAB, SHUM, CI

SUBJECT: GOC AND AFL-CIO EXCHANGE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

1. DEPARTMENT POUCHING TEXT OF LETTERS EXCHANGED RECENTLY  
BETWEEN CHILEAN LABOR MINISTER SERGIO FERNANDEZ AND  
AFL-CIO PRESIDENT GEORGE MEANY.

2. IN ESSENCE FERNANDEZ LETTER CONGRATULATES MEANY  
ON HIS PAST RECORD IN DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND IN  
OPPOSITION TO COMMUNISM. HE SAYS CHILE SHARES THESE  
CONCERNS, IS PROUD OF ITS OWN PERFORMANCE IN THE  
HUMAN RIGHTS AND ANTI-COMMUNIST STRUGGLES, AND HOPES  
MEANY WILL KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

3. THIS LETTER, WHICH REPORTEDLY WAS NOT SHARED WITH  
THE CHILEAN EMBASSY HERE, EVOKED A STRONG REACTION  
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FROM THE AFL-CIO. MEANY'S RESPONSE HAS ALREADY BEEN  
PUBLISHED IN THE AFL-CIO NEWS (TWO COPIES BEING  
POUCHED) AND WILL SOON APPEAR IN FREE TRADE UNION NEWS  
WHICH IS PUBLISHED IN FIVE LANGUAGES. OTHER MORE  
POPULAR MEDIA WILL PROBABLY PICK IT UP ALSO.

4. THE AFL-CIO RESPONSE IS HARD HITTING, TO SAY THE LEAST.

IT CHARACTERIZES THE ANTI-COMMUNIST POSTURE OF THE GOC AS  
AS DISGUISE FOR THE CONSISTENT REPRESSION OF HUMAN  
RIGHTS AND TRADE UNION FREEDOMS, AND ACCUSES THE GOC OF  
BEING NO DIFFERENT FROM THE OPPRESIVE REGIMES (RUSSIA AND  
CUBA) IT PUBLICLY DENOUNCES.

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